

[We lay before our readers in this number of the WEEKLY PACIFIC COMMERCIAL ADVERTISER a sketch giving them an idea of the kind, quantity and quality of goods appropriate to the season, now on exhibition in Honolulu. To our "out of town" subscribers this will be found to be a great help in guiding them in making selections, and we can guarantee, on the part of the houses mentioned by us, a prompt and careful attention to the filling of all orders with which they may be favored.—PUBLISHERS AND PROPRIETORS P. C. A.]

Commencing at a central point on the corner of Hotel and King streets, our attention is called to the extensive millinery and dry goods establishment of Mr. C. J. FISHEL. It is but a short time since Mr. Fishel refitted this corner for the purposes of his trade, and, since doing so he has been obliged to enlarge the establishment twice. At first the requirements of his trade were met by enlarging the corner, but in a short time the goods constantly received from the coast would overflow on the sidewalk, and he was obliged to speedily dispose of, yet the cry was "still they come," and must be displayed. More space was taken in, and new shelving added, which were quickly filled, until, finally, all the adjoining premises that could be were leased, and the whole thrown open for the wares. Now, as we enter on the lower floor we can not help noticing the great variety of goods on exhibition. The store is filled with pretty goods. One long counter is piled high with suits of clothing for young men, boys, and these are but samples of the stock on hand. The upper floor is devoted to an apartment on Hotel street is devoted. The who wish to give their friends, or buy themselves a neat business or dress suit, ready to put on, can do so, and this, too, at a very moderate cost. Just how moderate this cost is may be judged from the fact that one could go into the store, make their selection of a full suit, step into the private dressing room, put on the new clothes, have the old ones sent to their home, and return to the Society Store, where they could walk out to get the new boots polished next door, and have to disburse only ten dollars for the whole outfit! Besides these suits there are others more elegant as regards material, all through lines of cassimeres, duck and broadcloth, until wedding and other full dress suits are reached, and even then the resources of the establishment need not be exhausted. In the one article of neckties we should judge that there was enough to clothe the necks of every who ever did or shall wear a necktie, and the variety of styles is such that one becomes fairly bewildered. But lest our readers should imagine that Mr. Fishel's store is entirely given up to the display of men's goods, we hasten to add that the supplies for the sterner sex occupy only a department in the store, and that it is for the ladies that the choicest goods are obtained and displayed. Now-a-days it is the pretty fashion to ornament almost everything, and the variety of designs spread out for towels, and napkins, and bed-spreads, and such goods is wonderful and pleasing. In the rear of the clothing department is a very large and well-arranged stock of boots and shoes, of all kinds and sizes. The department that the ladies will particularly wish to visit is up-stairs. Here, away from the bustle and sound of the business going on on the ground floor, our fair friends will find a bewildering variety of flowers for trifling, and of styles of hats to trim. The richness and delicacy of the designs on the chrysanthemums and other flowers prepared by the cunning and dexterous fingers of the French artist excites one's admiration, and must satisfy the taste of the most fastidious in those matters. The rooms devoted to the display and arranging of these beautiful fabrics are in charge of a polite and obliging *modiste*, and we are confident that the ladies who call to examine Mr. Fishel's stock of millinery goods will be pleased and satisfied. Our retail merchants are bound to get ahead of each other, and in this they display the same spirit as the wholesale dealer, and keeping close up with the latest fashion prevailing abroad. No sooner does a thing become "the style" than it is to be had here, and Mr. Fishel manages to keep well supplied by his agents abroad in everything that promises to be attractive and becoming.

When Mr. D. W. CLARK returned from San Francisco in the *Suez* last month, he brought with him a large and well selected stock of jewelry, clocks and watches. He has these beautiful articles arranged in handsome plate-glass show-cases in his new store, No. 55 Hotel street. In addition to these cases a show-window has been fitted up with a choice selection of choice goods, that in themselves form an elegant display. This introduction of new goods is a sign that the spring is within the store. A visitor will be sure to note how fresh and bright the establishment is, and with how much taste the articles are arranged. The prevailing idea is clocks, of which more anon. Watches are by no means inconspicuous feature in the display, and in one case we find the latest improvements in chronographs or "stop" watches. In this watch—made by the Waltham manufacturers—the second-hand is completely under the control of the watch-keeper, and can be started, started or sent back to start, and run again by a touch. The movement can be fitted to any style of case, and there are many beautiful ones in gold and silver to be had here. If we were asked what particular "thing of beauty" was to be found in Mr. Clark's establishment in the greatest variety, we should say—clocks. Clocks in silver and gold, bronzed, enamelled, crystal-cased, velvet-covered and plain; clocks with cathedral bells and sweet chimes striking hours, half hours and quarters; "Bannan" clocks of elegant design, and other pretty shapes and designs. As for price, we can only say that they are varied as the styles of clocks themselves. Everybody can and should have a clock in their house, and all of these are reliable time-keepers. For those who like to note the weather signs there are aneroid barometers, sensitive and reliable; and for the toilet table there are just a few not superb jewel cases fitted for all the pretty things the ladies like to wear and were like to bestow upon them. At the rear of the entrance were a few sweet notes of a music box playing a familiar air, and we find that Mr. Clark has several of these pleasing instruments, large and small, for sale. They are an endless source of pleasure in a household and make nice presents. Turning from the music boxes, our attention is at once called to the display of jewelry.

ery and ornaments in the handsome show-
-rooms. We pick out an elegantly class-
-ed gold ornament from a number on exhibi-
-tion, and then exchange that for a pair of
-sleeve buttons, which, in turn, are laid one
-side to make room for a massive seal ring.
-All this is done mentally, and merely to
-satisfy a wish. Moving from one case to
-another, we admire the very many pretty
-things shown us—pretty not only on ac-
-count of the workmanship, but also in refer-
-ence to the designs, which we see are
-new and novel. In short, Mr. Clark's store
-is filled with pretty and valuable articles,
-any one of which would please the donor
-and recipient alike.

Everybody in and around Honolulu knows where Mr. A. L. SMITH'S attractive store is, but not all know what a number of nice things he has there for sale. The brackets themselves cover one side of the store, and are of handsome design and finish. Brackets and pictures are the two things that most contribute to the decoration and finish of a room. To fill up a corner, or relieve a blank space the makers of these convenient wall shelves have sawn and carved and decorated nice woods into many nice shapes, and Mr. Smith offers to his customers a large variety at very moderate prices. To stand on the brackets—this is the best place for the miniature easels in black and gold, and for the easels beautiful pictures in abundance. Or, one can select a Parian marble bust, for which there are clear glass shelves to protect them from dust and injury; or if one prefers vases they are to be had here in great variety. The Christmas cards offered by Mr. Smith this year are elegant in design and finish, and are charming mementoes of the season. The hundred and one little knick-knacks for the toilet table or my lady's workbox we find fitted into cunning little cases, and arranged with a view to the comfort and convenience of those who use them. One of the most valuable and lasting of all gifts is a sewing machine, and one of the very best to be had is the "Domestic" made by Mr. A. L. Smith and his gang. The machines are gotten up in very handsome style, fitted with every convenience and improvement, and stand, deservedly, in the front rank of "lockstitch" machines. With the machines are the Domestic patterns, known to all ladies as embracing all the newest and best—that is most becoming—styles in which to shape dresses and "garments." So complete are the directions, and well made these patterns that we think we could cut out some simple thing—say a skirt or a pair of trousers—without going down the store on one side is filled with toys. From amongst these can be selected a complete doll's house and its furniture, and lots of other pretty things for the children. On the other side of the entrance to the store Mr. Thomas Tannat has his jewelry case, and near at hand Thomas himself will be found busied in the repairs of watches and all kinds of bric-a-brac. Things useful and ornamental do sometimes come to grief, but do not stay in that condition long if the fragments are placed in Mr. Tannat's hands for repairs. Indeed, so deftly is this done by the artist, that the traces of the misadventure is the best part of the workmanship of the article. We have known instances of where an "antique" has been purposely injured in order that its genuineness might be assured by the traces of the repairs made by Mr. T.; and for watches, they generally "go" better than ever before when cleaned by him.

There never has been a season in Honolulu when the leading Dry Goods stores have been filled with so beautiful a stock of goods as now; and amongst those who have furnished their establishments with first-class goods Messrs. EHLERS & Co. are conspicuous. There does not seem to be anything lacking in their list. A silk dress is as good as a new one, and a velvet gown as they can supply the material for in almost any color and quality. We can only make mention of the fact, our descriptive powers on the subject of silk being nothing as compared to our appreciation of its beauty when being worn. Then we know all about it; but we beg of the ladies to exercise their own taste in the selection of the material, merely indicating to them the varieties which will best suit them.

With silks go laces; and, in laces, we are of the opinion that Messrs. Ehlers & Co. are pre-eminent. One long center 1 counter is covered with pretty and 1 tasteful articles for wear made of an infinite variety of patterns of lace, the creamy folds interwoven in elegant designs for an elegant purpose, that of lending an additional charm to the already beautiful. There are some specimens of Spanish lace that are very beautiful, and other kinds whose lightness, strength and exquisite finish, will make them well appreciated by whoever becomes their owner as heirlooms. On the wall at the rear of the store are curtains, and coverlets woven of lace and almost too nice for the purpose, but that is a question that we leave to be decided by those whose tastes are not controlled by their purses. The French embroidery sets wherewith to trim flounces and collars, and the lace and velvet and light goods, will excite the admiration of all who examine them, and are unsurpassed specimens of machine woven trimmings. Those whose tastes are aesthetically inclined—and whose are not?—will surely admire some superb fichus in colors embroidered on net and decorated with a knot of lady flowers. We thought of a dozen of our lady friends in the use of these pretty things, and we hope that they may all be able to, at least, look at the elegant articles. There are some embroidered velvets displayed here that are as rich and beautiful as it is possible for these goods to be made, and fit for an empress to wear. Near at hand is a totally different class of goods—men's underwears. Amongst these we regret the necessity of wearing any shoes at all; "braces," silk, hand-painted and embroidered so as to make them works of art, and all other articles calculated to make a man feel like turning himself inside out when wearing them, that they may be seen. But these goods, as well as some of the delicately fashioned and elegantly trimmed articles worn by the ladies, are worn to satisfy a fastidious taste and not for exposure to the gaze of the vulgar. We are of the opinion that a suitable costume should be worn on all occasions, will find at Messrs. Ehlers & Co.'s the material for beautiful bathing suits, and costumes adapted to the croquet and lawn-tennis ground. Yachting costumes are always pretty, and the soft, warm materials shown here are just too lovely for anything. As for gloves, there are as many styles as there are qualities and as many as many buttons as can be worn. The present styles of these indispensable adjuncts to a lady's wardrobe are now made as elegant as possible. Of beautiful fit and finish, and in all colors and shades, they present a tempting array. We

are shown some fans that are stiffly lovely. Mother-of-pearl, satin and swan down are combined to produce an ornament as graceful and effective in the hands of beauty as ever beauty wielded. Delicate handkerchiefs daintily embroidered and trimmed with lace are folded in pretty cases, and make as handsome and adaptable a gift as one can well choose for a lady fair. Messrs. Ehlers & Co. are always pleased to exhibit their goods, and under their guidance all can depend upon getting just the article they want.

Messrs. HOLLISTER & Co., who have two large and handsome drug stores in Honolulu—one at the old number in Nuuanu street, where they receive their importations and do their wholesale business, and the other on the corner of Fort and Merchant streets—have made them unusually attractive by the display of elegant perfumery articles and a bewildering array of toilet articles that combine beauty of design and finish with utility in an eminent degree. The druggists have been so far being able to display their wares put up in a pleasing form. In fact, to compensate for the misery that one feels in being obliged to “take medicine,” and in part to call the attention of suffering humanity to their wares, the manufacturers of patent medicines invent and use every variety of neat form and gay color in which to envelop their pills, lotions and fluid preparations. These Messrs. Hollister have ranged with great success in the immediate foreground, and handsome cases are filled with such articles as celluloid dressing-cases, for example. These are entirely novel, and most exquisite articles. Aside from their shapes, which are handsome, and their interior arrangements, which are very complete, the material of which their contents are made resists wear and admits of cleaning without injury. While these are so tasteful articles one enjoys the delightful sight of the neat little boxes, the sachets and bottles so temptingly displayed. Everybody has a fondness for some kind of perfume, and from amongst the many varieties for sale by Messrs. Hollister & Co. all tastes can be gratified. The delicate extracts from the violet, rose and lily are mingled with the more decided ones drawn from the geranium, jasmine and tuberose. Old favorites, as the Jockey-Club Eucalypti and Eucalypti, are there, and new and old and new combinations. For the linen press and the handkerchief of glove-box there are scent sachets of elegant make, exhaling lasting sweetness. The Cologne, in beautiful cut-glass flasks, are ever fresh and cooling and of a most delicious aroma. With a passing glance at the large display of ivory and black-handled and framed brushes of all kinds, we take a good long look at the smoker's paraphernalia, and are attracted to the elegant and the chibouks, “hubble-bubbles,” or water-pipes of Oriental origin and design. To those who enjoy “a quiet smoke” these pipes have a peculiar charm. Their long, flexible stems admit of the smoker's taking as much comfort as is permitted to the average smoker on earth, and the practice is rendered as harmless as it may be made by the arrangement which passes the smoke through scented cotton or other material, and is not inhaled. All other appliances for smoking are to be found here, and the prized meerschaum and carved briar-root are exhibited in great variety. The greater portion of this stock was carefully selected by one of the firm during a tour abroad. While we are in the store we do not fail to ask for and drink a glass of such soda-water as cannot be found elsewhere, except, it may be, in the branch store on the corner of Fort and Merchant streets. And, to crown the Nuuanu street store, beautiful goods, especially toilet articles, are to be found, and those who find it more convenient to “shop” on Fort street than on Nuuanu can have a large variety to select from.

Year after year our old friend Mr. McInerney has brought forward his fine stock of new goods. With each recurring holiday season he is sure to have some handsome novelties on exhibition, and this year he has not failed to renew his stock in time for those who like to give and receive tokens of friendship. In the first place, his stock of men's underwear and all accessories to the toilet are very complete and handsome. The most fastidious beau in our midst can find all that he needs in the way of articles to meet all the demands of a refined taste and health requirements. Being duly equipped with underwear, then follows the selection of over linen. Upon examination of the various styles of shirts imported by Mr. McInerney one can find that they can purchase perfect fitting garments of that description that are what Oscar Wilde would call "utter poems." They are elegant examples of skill and taste on the part of the manufacturer, and are well worth a try.

Before a man endues himself with one of these snowy garments he feels instinctively that he must "shave," and from the broad show-case at his elbow Mr. McInerney will produce all the best tools of the best make for his customers' inspection. There are razors, single or in pairs, with which it is a pleasure to remove the unsightly stubble of a few days' growth from tips and ends, and safety razors, the surface of which has been duly polished and the application of the creamy lather of the delicately scented shaving soaps of which there are so many fine varieties, arranged in close proximity to the soft brushes wherewith to apply it. Ready to the hand are toilet mirrors of clear plate glass beautifully cut, and mounted more like gems than mirrors. With the shaving appliances, which in themselves make one of the most appropriate and useful gifts, Mr. McInerney can give another—a to be found buttons and combs in almost endless variety and for as many purposes, so that the proper care of the teeth, the hair, the nails and the flesh is made easy if one but makes a judicious selection of the goods offered—and—uses them. To adorn the bosom and cuffs of our linen, there are buttons and studs in ivory, pearl, gold and mosaic, and of all designs. Everybody has felt what a bore it is to have buttons "ironed" off, and hence the popularity of the fashion for studs.

In the line of business, sporting, or costume goods, Mr. McInerney has what you may call his specialties. He has some choice varieties; while in gloves, handkerchiefs and ties there is a large stock to choose from. But his particular specialty is the Waltham watch. Having been the agent here for a number of years of the Waltham Watch Company, Mr. McInerney has always on hand the standard watches manufactured by this, the oldest and most reliable watch company in the United States. The quality of the watches is so well known, and their excellence is so well established that no one need hesitate for a moment in purchasing one if their object is to get a really good timepiece. For the holiday season Mr. McInerney has best word to him some of the company's best work

attired in beautiful cases. These cases, ornamented as they are in elegantly chased gold, are jewels in themselves, and to those who wish to gratify a friend, parent, or brother, with the gift of such a watch as will be cherished and prized for a life-time, the ones offered by Mr. McNeerney will prove to be just the thing. We are showing some dressing-ropes and smoking-jackets that are the *plus ultra* of comfort and elegance. To wake up on Christmas morning and find one of these luxurious garments ready to be put on, and a pair of such slippers as can be bought of Mr. McNeerney, at our disposal would be to realize how cheery a thing it is to have thoughtful friends and equally thoughtful purveyors to good taste in our midst.

Messrs. DIAS & GONZALEZ, dealers in Portuguese goods, have a neat little store on Hollis street, near the Custom House, carrying a very judicious and extensive stock of jewelry establishment. Here they have on exhibition a variety of goods manufactured in Portugal and the islands belonging to that kingdom, and many of the pretty things are novel in design and show much taste and skill. In inlaid work there are some handsome tables whose surfaces are made up of blocks of variety-colored woods arranged as to form agreeable patterns of form and color. There are also writing desks of convenient size fitted with all the conveniences for letter-writing, and forming handsome articles of furniture. In the sides and tops of some glove and handkerchief boxes natural-colored birds of wood are inlaid so as to form birds, flowers and landscapes. In others there are represented a traveller being carried in a palanquin, and another on a mountain sled. Various groups are thus arranged, exhibiting the national costumes and characteristics of the Portuguese. In smaller ware there are paper-knives, crucifixes, tumbler-cases and other articles of utility and beauty. There are some very handsome chains made of horsehair display-ed. These chains are in white, black and red, and are very light and strong. There are also sets of jewelry, comprising bracelets, necklaces and ear-rings, worked in hair, diamonds and other precious stones. They are decidedly new and pretty, and quite in keeping with our climate. The ladies will be particularly pleased with the hand-embroideries shown. This style of ornamentation is always in vogue, and the work done by the Portuguese women is very good and tasteful. Skirts and chemises are shown elaborately finished, and many other articles which we know not. Messrs. Diaz & Gonzalez's stock is by no means confined to the lines we have mentioned, but comprise many other nice articles suitable for gifts.

Great preparations will no doubt be made on all hands for feasting royally during Christmas, and near at hand is HORN'S BAKERY, the products of which have become well known in every household. We all know that Horn's bread, in all its varieties, and crackers of every shape and kind, besides cake in its almost endless forms, are celebrated, and now there comes the special product of his glories, the Christmas and the New Year cake, rich to the taste, elegant and attractive to the eye, and redolent of the

Cinnamon and spice
And all things nice,
of which cake—and little girls—are supposed to be constructed. Some of the designs into which the frosting of these cakes is worked are very handsome and delicate. The artist whose business it is to do the final ornamentation has all the appliances for executing fine work, and under his skillful hands there rise the temple, elegant flowers and laughing cupids. For the bride, feast or the State dinner, the birthday celebration or the grand ball, Mr. Horn is always ready to supply appropriate centerpieces or special designs. Of his candies all know their excellency, and we who have witnessed the whole process of the transmutation of the pure sugar into the many delicious confections and sweets that adorn the table, can appreciate the purity and goodness. Pure candy is not in the least harmful to the children, for it is only here and there one can be found who will devour it in excess. We all have "a sweet tooth," and Horn's candies ought to satisfy the sweetest of us. The preparing of chocolate creams is one of Horn's specialties; and who is there that does not like them when they are fresh? Young people remember. When you go to see the show, take a box of "creams" or "caramels" with you. You will be welcome, never fear, probably on your own account—surely on that of the creams. The rest is easy. For the invalid, and those who delight in sweets of any other kind, we can recommend Horn's Guava Jelly. Clear, aromatic, bland, it glides over the palate, leaving an agreeable sub-acid taste behind, unlike any other jelly. It is always a welcome addition and ornament to the tea-table. There is nothing in the way of bread, cakes, pastries and tarts, and all the delicacies that these are made that Mr. Horn cannot furnish. Always fresh, crisp, light, rich and palatable, his stock is abundant,—as it must be to supply his large trade, and first-class—as that trade can testify. If there ever is a "horn of plenty" it is to be found on Hotel street.

Probably the richest store of its class, in point of variety and quantity of goods, is No. 10 Fort street. Being daily supplied with the very best goods opened in Mr. J. T. WATERHOUSE'S two wholesale establishments, and having at least twice the space that any other store can boast of in water street, it is not to be wondered at that the two large rooms are so attractive as any in town. The show-windows in themselves are perfect pictures. There we see grouped in admirable taste some elegant pictures and ornaments. A pair of light stands for the Bible or an album are on either side, and rich gifts fill up the space. The background is filled in with handsome lace curtains, and the whole is so arranged that the note and filled with boxes of hosiery. Every kind and style is here. Gentlemen and boys can be fitted with whatever they may wish in this line, and no doubt the ladies can get just what suits them out of the large and varied stock. Around the store are ribbon- of every hue and style. These beautiful bands serve many purposes, and with the present style of art decoration are especially attractive. The Crutchees. Some of those woven in the Jacquard loom are wonderful products and all are bright and pretty. Very many "ladies" of fine workmanship are on view, and we very much admire the refined taste shown in their construction. In Crutchees the stock is very large and varied. Much can be done with this class of goods. They are, of course, they are, pretty, as useful and as tastefully made and cheap as any. Going up stairs, the first things we notice are carpets. Though not in general use here, matting being preferred in most cases, yet

one handsome design has been imported by Mr. Waterhouse, who believes in supplying "every want, fancied or real, that is likely to be the fair cup of the gods here; and, in fact, in creating a few "wants" that are vividly felt when the means of gratifying them are at hand. Passing into the up-stairs room, we find ourselves in the midst of a bewildering variety of all kinds of Christmas goods. First come the dolls. Dolls as large as a boy or girl of four years of age; dolls that certainly are small enough to be called micro-doll-punks; and, in the middle, the sweet and call "ma-ma," or dreadful cry and cry "papa," and all this by the pulling of a string; dolls whose internal organs are musical and music-box-y; others whose faces and hands can be washed, whose hair can be combed, and clothes put on and off with all ease and comfort; other dolls who precociously walk and otherwise exercise their limbs, and others who shut their eyes in a very style when made to "go to sleep." There are dolls of every description, and of a dry nose to care for them, so large are they, and others—and these are the favorites—who are almost "meat" dolls and real loveable. Near at hand are cunning palaces and cottages, wherein the dolls, according to their degree, reside. That they may carry on "house-pink" completely there are services, breakfast, dinner and tea, in China and delf, blue and gold, and willow pattern, and boxes of cutlery and an application of the same to the dolls. The family toys there are no end. One pretty one is a modification of the katalepes pie, showing odd set patterns instead of the ever shifting ones to be seen in the larger installations in another part of the room. Ours very neat "toy," if it can be so called, is a set of tools whereby with our urelin can make his first essay in carpentering. Under proper auspices, in the proper place, these are a boy without the least trouble to his mother, a little instruction to a boy of an inventive or mechanical turn of mind. Musical toys abound. Music boxes play their merry-airs, musical birds pour forth melody, musical cats wail in concert, musical mice squeal melodiously; and amidst and amongst all are drums, fife, whistles and other instruments, which, though now dumb, can be roused into noisy life by the average amateur boy without the least trouble to his mother. We took particular notice of the many styles of lunch and carriage baskets. They are gotten up in very fancy tastes, and like the greater part of the goods displayed are very serviceable. Near at hand are the pretty little hand-bags now so popular. They are a revival of the fashion of wearing flat leather pouches by ladies, in vogue many years ago, and are shaped in quaint designs with very odd-tinted leather. The light-stands of elegant design are shown just the thing with which to fill up a corner or on which to place some pretty piece of statuary or vase of flowers. The handsomest thing in wall shelves we have seen are displayed here. They have mirrors of fine plate glass set in compartments, and the combination of glittering glass, ebony and gilded ivory. One of the most convenient toilet adjuncts we saw, a mirror, so arranged that one can see the front face and both profiles at once. These mirrors fold so that when not in use they form a handsome ornament. The attention of young mothers will be called at once to the cunning bassinets so beautifully trimmed and comfortably fitted up, that the most wide-awake baby ever invented, upon being tucked away in one, will inevitably close its eyes and be fast asleep. The elegant Hanging from shelves and all about the tops of the show cases are book-markers of elegant designs, and a thousand other articles that must be seen to be appreciated.

Early in the season Mr. GEORGE W. WELLS recognized the fact that there would be a great demand for choice articles of *verru* for decorative purposes this present season, and he therefore commissioned an agent to visit the coast and gave him *cirt. bouche* in the choice of goods, only stipulating that whatever was selected should be first-class in every particular. The selection made is now exhibited by Mr. Wells with pardonable pride, and we congratulate him upon the judgment displayed in choosing them. The collection is a fine one, and the articles to be seen in the extensive show-rooms Nos. 105 and 107 Fort street, as were ever brought for sale to these Islands before. There is a superb copy of the wonderful "Loreley" that deserves and will probably obtain a place among the choicest pictures here. Near it is an ideal "Idelwies" maiden—the embodiment of the Loreley's opposite—full of grace and beauty. But to barely enumerate the many pictures hanging the walls and cases of the room would take more space than we have, and we will deprive us of the pleasure of calling attention to another class of goods equally as attractive. The beautiful vases and jars of Japanese metal ware are gems. They are in Cloissoir enamel, a combination of metal and enamel work that has always been much sought after and admired, and though rather expensive, are always will be "things of beauty." Near a group of these is a fine collection of Japanese shape of charming statuettes, as most and cunning as they can be. Last, against a delicate background of plush, are most exquisite reproductions of roses of delicate hue in delicate porcelain. There is probably no substance that lends itself better to the difficult task of imitating the texture and semi-transparency of a rose than porcelain; not even wax is so good. So no one who has seen the delicate modeling of the rose is as natural as it can well be, and as the light is transmitted through the delicate leaves the porcelain flower glows with the same delicate tints as does the natural one hanging by it. S. Perfect is the imitation that

The sense of touch is needed to be exercised to enable one to distinguish the one from the other. Another exquisite work of art is a decorated tile or a piece of wood of the shape of a globe or a crystal vase. These tiles, in the form of the center piece of elegant brackets and other wall ornaments and are always handsome. The variety and beauty of the Christmas cards and souvenirs can only be indicated. Suffice it to say that all tastes and purses have been consulted in making the selection, and the result is very satisfactory. The prints they wish to have framed, Mr. Wells has imported a very large stock of picture-frame material, and his workmen can evolve from the inwards of the work-room attached to the establishment frames worthy of any painting, or suitable to the plainest print. The embossed pictures of game, fish, and animal heads are full of life and beauty, and are appropriately mounted on the cards. The room or office. All sorts of pretty gifts in silver and gold, crimson, pale blue, maroon and other delicate tints, abundant, while artificial flowers and prepared grasses are grouped in pretty bouquets on which perch rare birds of brilliant hues. Some of the plates of fruit are very handsome and tempting, and in their faithful modeling of our home appliances, they are sure to be remembered. They will serve to keep our memories of those things alive. We are shown some very rich Japanese teapots, cups and saucers. The ware is delicate and well

designed, and the figures raised on the surface with exquisite art. High on the walls are lambréquin designs complete, exhibited to show the character of the establishment in the way of fitting appointments. These beautiful ornaments, Brackets, bars, rings, candelabra and fixtures, all are to be had here, and in such variety of style, material and finish, that whether to be placed in a palace or cottage *or* any they will be found to be in keeping with either. At the rear of the store are toys. Toys for the old and young, for not a few of us are as much pleased for the moment at least with the pretty things gotten up for our children as are the little ones themselves. To teach economy without doing violence to the eye, here are candies and fixtures, all its pennies in candy, various ingenious "banks" have been devised. Wells has imported some that are odd of design and very effective. In one the placing of a coin on a designated point upsets a ducky jockey from the back of a kicking mule, and by the time the rider has got into the saddle again the coin is out of sight in the concealed box beneath. In another a bulldog, and in another a frog—both with portentous mouths—gulp down the coin and then look so fierce and shut-up the customer that he is afraid to try. In July and July are displayed in their queer little house, and will form the delight of all here as well as elsewhere. Military accoutrements hang all around, and whether it be a Prussian or a Russian, or a French or English uniform that is needed, all can be drawn—with the accompanying arms and equipments—from Wells' Arsenal. From the room we have been examining to the next is but a step, but the change in the fittings and the goods is so great that it is as if we had entered a new way we find ourselves surrounded by musical instruments of all kinds. In the large show window is a complete Band. Mr. Berger's whole company of musicians could march in here and be furnished, each one, with the instrument they play on best, and still there would be left others that would furnish a good sized orchestra with all they wanted. We are shown a guitar that is the finest instrument of the kind ever brought to the city. Its strings are deep and rich, and there are but few instruments more pleasing than this *whereas* to accompany some fair singer. The queen of instruments, the violin, is represented here by some of fine make and good tone. As for flutes they are to be had by the gross, and are of sweet and dulcet tone. Drums, fives and bugles suggest martial music, and concertinas, bones, tanboorins, banjos and triangles seem to recall the "minstrels" (was our delight to hear. Ranged along the side of the room are the organs of an "Old Fellow" meeting they are headed by "Most Noble Grand" Mathuschek, than which there is no finer piano made. This instrument was introduced here by Mr. Wells, and he has sold them to some of our very best judges of the merits of pianos with most gratifying results. It is well worth while for one to examine the make of the Mathuschek. Even those who do not know anything about the construction of pianos will be struck with the solidity and the assurance of the style of the furniture of one who needs a first-class piano need not hesitate about ordering one of these. Mr. Wells expects to receive very shortly a \$1,200 Grand that will be worth a visit. Of a lower price, but of a no means inferior quality, are the other pianos and the organs displayed. Of the latter there are probably more in homes on these islands than in any other place of equal size, and these which are for sale by Mr. Wells will be found to be of first-class make and satisfactory in every particular. Among the styles of furniture introduced here, the articles of wickerwork of rattan imported by Mr. Wells will be found to occupy a favorite place, especially some beautiful examples in black and gold. In these the chairs and lounges of wickerwork *do* and *gilded*. The chairs, lounges, etc. are so light and comfortable, as well as elegant in design and finish, and so admirably adapted to this climate, that we venture to predict large sales as soon as the season is over better known. Our brief review of some of the articles for sale by Mr. Wells, will, we think, show that his desire is to please all who may care on him.

MESSENE, WENNER & CO., "the oldest established firm of jewelers and silversmiths in this city," No. 292 Broadway. Their silversmithing store, No. 32 Nassau street, is also an attractive goods, and in the workshop in the rear skilled workmen are busied in finishing all kinds of jewelry and silver ware. Some very fine specimens of work in solid silver are displayed in the show-case at the side of the entrance, many of which have been embellished under Mr. Wenner's direction here. In the engraving of monograms, mottoes, initials and names this firm is celebrated. They execute all such work with great delicacy and grace, and no one could send abroad to have such work well done. There is to be seen now in this store a very fine collection of seal and signet rings. Some are in antique style, and others set with modern taste and brilliancy. Very many old and pretty conceits in jewelry have been worked into scarf pins and chains, and whether one wishes to symbolize their taste for the turf, the field, or the farm, they can get the proper adornment here. There are, also, beautiful gold bracelets of novel shape, and "estate graceful" bangles, as well as sets of bracelet, pin and earrings in Etruscan and "dead" gold that are worth inspection. One beautiful article is a basket of silver with a highly finished center of enamel. Another is a pair of scent flasks of black glass set in a silver stand, the whole forming a superb ornament for the dressing table. Of jewels to be worn in the hair there is a large variety, and all are of handsome design. Amongst the choicest treasures in the store are diamonds—Diamonds set in rings and pins; in bracelets and brooches; in earrings and necklaces; diamonds, too, that one may choose from and have mounted in any way they see fit. We are quite sure that whatever style may be selected the workmanship will be of the best style.

MESSRS. COWLING & ARNOLD, No. 90 Fleet street, have a large and handsome store well filled with Chinese goods. In one show window there are vases of beautiful styles and designs. The dragon coils and twists about the body of the jars, handsomely enamelled, and invested with a beautiful ugliness that makes them "too sweet." But it is amongst the smaller articles that they find the elegant things. In ivory and silver handkerchiefs, gloves and gloves and handkerchiefs-boxes, and delicate ornaments of marvellous design and finish. In silks, we find embroidered handkerchiefs and neckties, and superb shawls. There are, also, rolls of dress silks in delicate tints and textures; crapes, yellow, purple, black, white and pink, and rolls of "pongee" silk very soft and fine. In the same window, we find slippers in blue silk embroidered with a tiger, and in white silk, which adorn pretty feet. The packages of grass-cloth are suggestive of cool clothing and comfort. In jewelry we admire the tigers' claws set in flagee gold as necklaces, amulets and ear pendants. These are beautiful articles, and would be highly prized by anyone. There are handsome ornaments—jewelry—in Japanese bronze and gold, and in silver, and in flagee gold. We note superb "cat-gold" in flagee work, mounted, and fine specimens of quartz and pearls. There are amber necklaces and charms, great favorites with many, and very curious or-

naments have been fashioned from "stork's heads." In silver work there are chains, medals, rings, flowers and other jewelry. The ivory chessmen are masterpieces in their character and design. There are many old puzzles and toys. We find here the old-fashioned "scratch my back," fashioned as a hand with long nails on the crooked fingers, mounted on a long, slender handle, used as long ago as the time of Queen Elizabeth to allay any annoying irritation of the cuticle felt in the otherwise inaccessible regions of the back between the shoulder-blades. Two spheres within spheres, each one finely carved, excite our admiration and wonder; and delicate paper-cutters in sandalwood suggest the severing of a leaf "in aromatic pain." Many curious and beautiful articles will be seen by those who visit the establishment, and we recommend a visit to the store.

The well-known stationery and news dealers, J. M. Oat's, No. 101, filled their store in a new building, with very many beautiful goods. On the central counter—especially arranged to show Christmas goods—are displayed, amongst other articles, many amusing and instructive games. The Captive Prisons, Tournament, Path-Finders, Cantolop, Cats and Mice, Conversation Cards, Authors, Life's Mistakes, and many others are here to select from. The mysterious "L'Oracle" in itself is worth the "fortune" revealed to those who consult it. The "Fortunes" are portable tablets, and of a mystic page. A new and convenient set can be desired, and other decks, light, well arranged and beautifully embossed with brilliant designs. In paper-weight there are "Kohinoors" of light and brilliancy made of the finest crystal glass elegantly colored. The holiday cards are amongst the finest we have seen, and in one case we notice every kind of cutlery and ingenious contrivance that goes to the proper fitting out of a writing table or desk. The various styles of paper, of note on, letter and envelope, are collected here in variety, and we admire the taste shown by the manufacturers in getting up novel designs. For the boys who delight in sports there are baseballs and bats of all kinds. The "Standard" ball is to be had duly certified to as being of correct size and weight, and bats of various ash and other woods, fashioned with much art and judgment. We look over with much gratification an elegant edition of Shakespeare's works, and another of Longfellow's, both wishing while they are in place them in our library. Not the least pleasing feature of these beautiful editions is their low cost. And one purchasing one of these volumes will find that they have secured a valuable book for almost nothing. There are for sale instances in such a variety of styles as to puzzle one in making a choice, and the stock of inks on hand is, so to speak, inexhaustible. To utilize the ink there are pens of every kind, and paper for all purposes. The various styles of Diaries, their size, shape, arrangement and color are very varied. Calendars of pretty designs are scattered about, and some few superb albums tempt the visitor. Mr. Oat's library of the current literature of the day is very complete, and his arrangements are such that *any* book, pamphlet or paper wanted can be supplied on the shortest notice and most favorable terms. Especially for the little ones are procured "O'Connell's" and "The Little Red Riding Hood" Jack the Giant Killer, her sister who lived in a shoe, and who she went to the cupboard, together with the rest of the family, Cinderella and sweet Little Red Riding Hood. For young and old alike the store is filled, and young and old patronize it well.

While the outer man is being clothed and other senses gratified, the inner man, the soul, is impatiently demanding that the provisions should be made for them. To this end Messrs. S. B. LEVET & Co., who have succeeded A. W. BURR & Co. in the grocery business at the old stand in Odd Fellows' Building, Fort street, have recently refitted the store, and now display a very attractive line of goods. On one side are the canned goods, which now embrace almost everything that can be by any possibility be preserved in that shape. There are long lines of oyster cans, lobsters, salmon, crawfish, shrimps and sardines. There are vegetables of all kinds that come from the French market, and from the garden; spices whose varied aroma fill the store with fragrance, and suggest a rich season to otherwise plain fare. The many sauces, relishes and appetizers now so deftly compounded are mustered in whole ranks and companies. Along the front of the counters are sacks of sugar, loaf, crushed and powdered; coffee in the berry, and of a dozen other things. We linger around the open display of nutmeats of sundry dates. We are interested the cheeses exposed for sale. Of these there are various makes, some plain, bland and smooth to the taste, others more spicy and relishing, and still others of superior richness and flavor. For the holiday table are all the nuts we delight to crack—almonds, walnuts, pistachios, Brazil and many others—while of raisins, currants and berries there is a nice profusion. We have not the space to do more than suggest that the line of standard groceries there is the most complete assortment that we can assure our readers that Messrs. Levet & Co. will endeavor to keep the very freshest and highest grade of goods. They are ever ready to supply their customers with guaranteed goods, and to make good that guarantee should there be, at any time, an inferior article furnished or sent out by them in any order they may fill.

MRS. W. WILLIAMS & CO. make pictures. Photographic pictures. Not only do they take the fine portraits as to be had in Honolulu, but as our atmosphere and sunlight here are of the purest, and their artist of the best, it follows that they produce as faithful camera pictures as any establishment in the world. Nor do the confine themselves to portraits. They have visited all points of interest and beauty in the islands, and the views of the scenery that are best calculated to show the beautiful and grand are the views here. These views have been mounted in sets, and now, whenever one wishes a single picture or a series, they can furnish them. Not content with reproducing the present and securing for posterity the portraits of those with us, they have reproduced on a life-size scale the portraits of the reigning family of the ancient kings and chiefs. Copies of these interesting pictures can be had at any time, and are eagerly sought for by residents and visitors. There are many pictures of the Maian life, family groups and bands and pictures of typical Hawaiians; pictorial illustrations of ancient costumes and want of such, and all that can be gathered together in a gallery to preserve some records of the race. Pending the dispatch of a fully equipped operator to the Marquesas and Tabitian Islands, Mr. Williams has collected a large lot of implements, domestic and warlike, from those islands, and has a large and varied assortment of "curios" for sale, such as necklaces and ornaments and strings of human teeth wherewith to decorate the throat and wrist. Pretty models of canoes and grass hats are on view, and a very choice lot of *kapa*, lances and fishing-gear. Amongst the beautiful articles in stock are fine collections of Hawaiian mosses and ferns. These pretty natural specimens are mounted elegantly in cloths and on cards, and as souvenirs of the islands, are as hardy as anything prettier, and certainly nothing so appropriate, than these dainty fern pictures. The ferns and mosses are also STRANDED.